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EVANS TO BE RELIEVED

Makes a Personal Request to Department.

SPERRY IS MENTIONED

Rear Admiral Thomas Will Take the Fleet on its Voyage to Puget Sound.

HE CONSIDERS HIS WORK DONE

These Retirements Make Possible Two Promotions to the Grade of Rear-Admiral—Captains Schroeder and Wainwright to be Advanced.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Rear Admiral Sperry will be the commander of the Atlantic squadron when it leaves San Francisco in July to encircle the globe. This important detail was decided on by President Roosevelt and his cabinet today. Admiral Evans on his personal request will be relieved of the command at the conclusion of the big naval review at San Francisco, May 8. The admiral considers the completion of the work he was assigned to do was to take the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific Coast. Evans will retire in August. To Rear Admiral Thomas has come the honor of commanding the fleet on its voyage to Puget Sound and until the homeward journey begins. He has been second in command during the voyage and will retire in October. These retirements make possible two promotions to grade of rear admiral and are to be filled by the advancement of Captain Seaton Schroeder and Captain Richard Wainwright.

McCOURT IS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination of John McCourt to be United States District Attorney for Oregon.

STEVENS' CHANGE OF TIME

Has Only Praise for Panama Canal Scheme Now That His Criticism Didn't Count.

HAVANA, Mar. 17.—John F. Stevens, the former chief engineer of the Panama Canal, who is the guest here of Gov. Magoon, said to the Associated Press representatives last night that in his opinion there was no question of the possibility of the completion of the canal by the end of 1914, and if necessary it might be finished two years earlier. Lieut. Col. Goethals, he said is pushing on the work with such astonishing celerity that even the most ardent advocate of the canal is amazed at the results achieved.

Mr. Stevens believed also that the cost of the work would be considerably under \$300,000,000 possibly as low as \$250,000,000 including the price of the French concession. He questioned, however, the military value of the canal. He did not believe it would pay the United States commensurate unless there occurred great changes in the trade relations between the United States and the South American republics.

He desired to correct the impression that he had adversely criticised the present management of the canal construction for which he had only the highest praise.

MISS LU GRIFFIN DEAD.

The Young Woman had a Brilliant Career Before Her—Taken Ill at Spokane.

CHICAGO, Mar. 17.—Word of the end of a career that promised to be of brilliancy has been received in Chicago in a despatch announcing the death of Miss Lu Griffin, aged 22, daughter of Wm E. Griffin, principal of the Francis Willard School.

Several weeks ago Miss Griffin came into prominence in musical circles through Alice Neilson, the soprano, who had heard her sing and predicted brilliant things for her. Largely through Miss Neilson, a position on the faculty of a San Francisco Musical College was offered her and she started for the Pacific Coast.

At Spokane Miss Griffin planned to spend a few days with her friends. On the day of her arrival she became ill and before the end of the week was dead. The young woman's mother is somewhere between here and San Francisco on her way to join her daughter at the latter point. Word has been sent her to go to Spokane and take charge of the body.

SENATOR WHYTE DEAD.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—United States Senator William Pinkney Whyte died at his home this city tonight.

MARVIN HART WINS.

HOT SPRINGS, March 17.—Before a large crowd this afternoon Marvin Hart was awarded the decision in the fourth round over John Willie of Chicago on a foul.

PLACES ON TICKET

Contest in Denver Expected to Be Lively.

ESTABLISHING HEADQUARTERS

The Citizens of Denver Pledged \$100,000 to Help Pay the Expenses of the National Convention and Already \$75,000 Has Been Paid.

CHICAGO, Mar. 17.—Active political work on behalf of the candidates for nomination of president and vice president for the democratic convention which meets in Denver July 7, has already begun in this city. Headquarters have been rented at the leading hotels and political workers are on the ground looking after the interests of the men they represent.

The campaign for the various candidates seems to have opened about two months earlier than is usual. The men in charge of the convention for the democratic party say it is customary for candidates to appear in the convention city about thirty days before the convention opens and prepare plans for their campaign. There are now half a dozen candidates represented in Denver by political workers with headquarters here who are busy interviewing all who arrive from the various states to secure headquarters for their delegation that are to be here in July.

Prominent among those who have been mentioned in connection with the presidential nomination are W. J. Bryan of Nebraska, Geo. R. Gray, of Delaware, Stuyvesant Chandler of New York, and Gov. Johnson of Minnesota. There are mentioned as the most probable figures in the contest before the convention. Their friends who are already here in their interest state positively that their names will go before the convention as nominees. A number of other candidates for the nomination are also mentioned, but none of them appear to have devel-

PILED UP ON THE ROCKS

Steamer Pomona Ran On Monterey Reef.

PASSENGERS ALL SAVED

There Was no Confusion or Excitement When the Steamer Struck the Rocks.

CAUSE OF WRECK NOT KNOWN

The Passengers Are Not Suffering Much Discomfort—Boats Were Immediately Manned and Passengers With Their Belongings.

FORT ROSS, Cal., March 17.—The steamer Pomona, which sailed for San Francisco today for Eureka with 84 passengers and a general cargo ran on the rocks near here at 6:30 this evening and was wrecked.

Her passengers were safely landed and are now on the beach waiting to be taken off the steamer City of Topeka, which is expected to pass tonight on her way to San Francisco. The cause of the wreck is not yet known. There was no confusion when the steamer struck. The boats were immediately manned and all the passengers with their hand baggage were carried to the beach with no loss of life. It was half an hour after she struck that the vessel went down. The passengers are all well and suffering no discomfort.

After the Pomona first struck she managed to get off the reef and made a run for the shore. When half a mile from the beach she struck another rock and is hanging there at the present time. The rising tide will probably wash her off into deep water and she will be a total loss. The steamer encountered a heavy wind today and in order to seek some protection from the gale and make better headway it is supposed Captain Swanson, the master of the Pomona, put in close ashore. Of a sudden with a slow crunching motion the Pomona went upon the hidden Monterey rock; a long reef which runs out from the shore. The striking of the vessel was so easy that very little commotion was caused on board.

oped strength enough so far to make their intentions of interest to those who are really in the race.

The attitude of the delegation from Colorado is attracting a great deal of interest. The argument is made that because the convention is being held in this state and more than \$100,000 is to be spent in the entertainment of the delegates from other states, the Colorado delegation should go into the convention uninstructed. For this reason it is probable that Colorado's delegation will be left to vote for whatever candidate it chooses.

The citizens of Denver pledged \$100,000 to help pay the expenses of the National Convention and \$75,000 of that sum has already been paid to Thos. Taggart, and the remainder will be paid March 21.

Members of the democratic national committee who are here say that candidates are appearing in the political arena in large numbers this year than has ever been known before.

The announcement that 1,000 delegates, alternates and prominent politicians will come from New York City alone lends credence to the belief that there will be an exciting contest for places on the ticket.

NOVEL ROBBERY.

TACOMA, Mar. 17.—In one of the boldest and most cleverly executed robberies ever pulled off in this city, a lone robber, using ammonia as his weapon, last night blinded Miss Emma Olsen, cashier at the Star Theater, and Mrs. Eta Sullivan, a friend of the former, with the drug and entering through an opening he had cut in the wall to the box office seized a bag containing the day's receipts, and made his escape as he had entered.

Miss Olsen was about to leave with her friend and had placed the bag of money on a chair in the box office. Unconscious that a robber had previously cut a hole three feet long and eighteen inches wide in the wainscoting at the back of the office, and was timing her movements, the young woman was about to pick up the bag of money when the robber squirted the ammonia into her face and repeated the dose when Mrs. Sullivan answered Miss Olsen's cry. In this helpless condition, the women were unable to prevent the robbery. With a bound the robber came through the opening in the wall, and made his escape the same way. He had entered through a door at the rear of the theater, walked under the theater floor to the front of the building and waited for the psychological moment to make the strike. He secured about \$400.

ROCHE WAS EASY FOR BURNS.

DUBLIN, March 17.—Jim Roche, the Irish champion, lasted only one round with Tommy Burns today.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

DENVER, March 17.—The motion for a new trial from Giuseppe Alia, the condemned murderer of Father Leo was filed today.

SUSPEND STUDENTS

Unusual Demonstration of 300 Students Last Week.

PROHIBITION EDICT THE CAUSE

The Students for a Greater Part Were Upper Classmen and Their Dismissal Has Caused One of the Biggest Sensations.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March 17.—Twelve students were suspended today by the faculty committee on student affairs of Stanford University as the result of an unusual demonstration last week in which 300 under-graduates showed their disapproval of the prohibition edict. The students for a greater part were upper classmen and their dismissal has caused one of the biggest sensations in the history of under-graduates.

A meeting of the students held tonight at which a petition was drawn up and signed by 300 students who took part in the parade. The petition stated that the 12 students suspended for participating in the parade were no more guilty than the 300 signers. The meeting was attended by about 3000 students.

STUDENTS RELEASED.

ANN ARBOR, March 17.—All the University of Michigan students arrested last night in the riot at the Star theater are tonight at liberty, but 15 of them had to furnish \$1000 bail each after being led into Justice Doty's court and back to their cells like criminals, handcuffed and under a heavy police guard. Three students pleaded guilty to the charge of loitering and were fined \$4.65 each. The 15 who gave bail will have an examination Friday on the charge of rioting. When the boys were arraigned and the bail fixed a local business man came to their aid with offers of bail, the required amount being promptly furnished in each case.

LA FOLLETTE ON FINANCE

He Explains Cause of the Recent Panic.

ARTIFICIAL PROSPERITY

Ministered to the Needs of Wall Street But Deaf to Needs of Commerce.

HE DEALS IN LARGE FIGURES

Today we Are Confronted With Astounding Proposition That Congress Shall Hold Out Legislation Inducements for Exactions of Charges.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—After speaking for two and a half hours today in the Senate on the pending currency bills, La Follette asked permission to suspension his remarks and conclude tomorrow as he was unable to continue longer.

Aldrich reported to the Senate from the committee on finance, the amendments to the currency bill exempting the railroad bonds from the classes of bonds to be used to secure an emergency currency, limiting the retirement of such currency and providing that such issues should be permitted up to the par value of the bonds used to secure them. The legislative, executive and judicial bill was considered at length today.

"What I have to say is made more pertinent by the action taken during the day with respect to the Aldrich bill," said Senator La Follette in beginning his speech in the Senate on the currency bill today. His reference was to the amendments made to the bill by the committee on finance. Speaking of "Morgan and Standard Oil Banks," and looking across the chamber at Aldrich, La Follette declared: "I will show the connection of these great groups with the bill pending here notwithstanding the dexterous withdrawal of the proposition to incorporate railroad bonds in the bill."

Aldrich said the most earnest objection to the bill was made by the National City Bank and that Vandellip, the vice-president, of the bank opposed the measure.

"It is," he declared, "not only opposed by that bank but by all the banks of New York. I received this morning from the New York clearing association a message stating that we had better have no currency legislation at all than to have this bill and stating the reasons why we should have asset currency. I know of no bank or banking men in favor of this bill. The fact is, the banks throughout the country are against it and the Senator from Wisconsin has studied the situation with very little effect if he has failed to learn this."

"I will inquire," retorted La Follette, "What the position of Morgan is." There was a chorus of laughter in the galleries.

"I do not know," said Aldrich. "I do not now Morgan is a man of wide experience and wise judgment and patriotism and I should feel gratified if he approved of this bill."

"Perhaps," replied La Follette, in a tone of sarcasm, "In some way the chairman of the finance committee will be able to find out where Morgan stands. His countenance beaming from the gallery of this chamber whole the Senator from Rhode Island spoke on this measure, rather indicated that Morgan, the head of one of these groups, is not entirely

adverse to the propositions embraced in this bill."

"I suppose," said Aldrich, "The Senator from Wisconsin will agree with me that this proposition should be discussed on its merits as to what it will do and not do in view of what men in the proposition of Morgan think of it."

"Let me say," replied La Follette, "You cannot always tell everything from the lines of a bill. I should say the proposition to withdraw the proposition to incorporate railway bonds in this bill throws a flood of light upon the purpose of this legislation. Let me say to the Senator from Rhode Island, that it is not beyond question that these great organizations might not put here or there, criticisms of this proposition to give color to the idea that there is no great and mighty power organized behind this legislation."

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Declaring that the recent financial stringency in the country was brought about by the influence of "Standard Oil" and J. P. Morgan, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin today in a speech practically closing the debate on the Aldrich currency bill, entered upon a denunciation of men high in the financial world.

"There were no commercial reasons for a panic," said Mr. La Follette. "There were speculative, legislative and political reasons why a panic might serve special interests. There were business scores to settle. There was legislation to be blocked and a currency measure suited to the system to be secured. There was a third term to be disposed of and policies to be discredited."

"A panic came. I believe that it needs only to be followed step by step to show that it was planned and executed insofar as such a thing is subject to control if once in motion."

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BRAVE BRAKEMAN

Plunges Into River From a Train to Save Girl.

OVERTAKEN ON THE TRESTLE

Thirteen-Year-Old Girl Was Walking on Santa Fe Trestle—She Was Overtaken by a Passenger Train and Jumped Into the River.

ANTIOCH, Cal., March 17.—While 13-year-old Agnes Gollens of San Francisco, was walking on the Santa Fe trestle over the San Joaquin river here today she was overtaken by a passenger train. Seeing it meant death to remain on the track, the girl leaped into the river. Baggage-man Roberts saw the daring act and immediately plunged after her and rescued the girl as she was going down for the last time.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR RUEL.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Late this afternoon the appellate court granted Abe Ruef's application for a writ of habeas corpus, making it returnable March 20th.

The writ asks that the district attorney be compelled to show cause why Ruef's bail should not be immediately reduced to a reasonable amount and the duplicate to the number of forty be dismissed.

WILLIAM M. WALTON DEAD.

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 17.—Wm. M. Walton, one of the engineers who surveyed the route for a railroad across the Isthmus of Panama and who built the first dock in San Francisco during the gold fever in 1849, died here last night, aged 79 years.

RECEIVES SENTENCE TODAY.

BOISE, March 17.—Harry Orchard spent a quiet time today at the state penitentiary, taking his usual daily exercise. He will appear in court today for sentence.